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JOINT APPLICATION OF ONCOR §
ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY §
LLC, AEP TEXAS INC., AND LCRA §
TRANSMISSION SERVICES §
CORPORATION TO AMEND THEIR §
CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE §
AND NECESSITY FOR 345-KV §
TRANSMISSION LINES IN PECOS, §
REEVES, AND WARD COUNTIES, §
TEXAS (SAND LAKE TO SOLSTICE §
AND BAKERSFIELD TO SOLSTICE) §

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF
APPLICATIONS**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Recommendation on Sufficiency of Applications in response to SOAH Order No. 1 and would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On November 7, 2018, Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) and AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas) filed an application to amend their certificates of convenience and necessity (CCNs) for a proposed 345-kV transmission line in Pecos, Reeves, and Ward Counties (the Sand Lake to Solstice Line) in Docket No. 48785. Also on November 7, LCRA Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC) and AEP Texas filed an application to amend their CCNs for a proposed 345-kV transmission line in Pecos County (the Solstice to Bakersfield Line) in Docket No. 48787. Both dockets were referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) on November 14, 2018.

On November 15, 2018, SOAH Order No. 1 was issued, consolidating the two applications under Docket No. 48785, in response to motions for consolidation that had been filed under PURA¹ § 37.0541. SOAH Order No. 1 also established a deadline of noon on November 26, 2018, for Staff to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of the applications. This pleading is therefore timely filed.

¹ Public Utility Regulatory Act, Tex. Util. Code Ann. §§ 11.001–66.016 (PURA).

II. SUFFICIENCY OF THE APPLICATIONS

As detailed in the attached memoranda from Blake Ianni and David Bautista in the Commission's Infrastructure and Reliability Division, Staff has reviewed the applications and has not identified any deficiencies. Staff therefore recommends that the applications be found sufficient. Staff's recommendation merely indicates that the applications are sufficient to initiate Commission review. Staff makes no recommendation on sufficiency of notice at this time, but will file such a recommendation in accordance with the procedural schedule that will be established in this proceeding.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that the applications be deemed sufficient for further review.

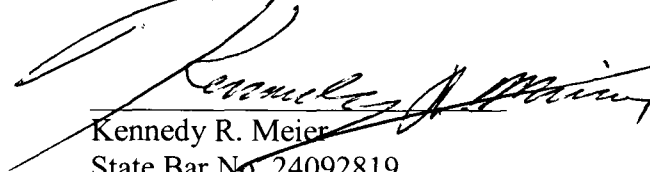
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Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on November 26, 2018, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



Kennedy R. Meier

Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

TO: Kennedy Meier, Legal Division
Eleanor D'Ambrosio, Legal Division

FROM: David Bautista, Infrastructure and Reliability Division

DATE: November 26, 2018

RE: STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Sufficiency of Application
Consolidated SOAH Docket No. 473-19-1265, Consolidated PUC Docket No. 48785; Joint Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, AEP Texas Inc., and LCRA Transmission Services Corporation to Amend Their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity for 345-KV Transmission Lines in Pecos, Reeves, and Ward Counties, Texas (Sand Lake to Solstice and Bakersfield to Solstice)

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor") and AEP Texas Inc. ("AEP Texas") filed a joint CCN application ("Application") on November 7, 2018, for a double-circuit 345-kV transmission line in Pecos, Reeves, and Ward Counties, under Docket No. 48785. I reviewed the Application for deficiencies.

On November 15, 2018, the State Office of Administrative Hearings granted a motion to consolidate this docket with Docket No. 48787, which is a joint application of LCRA Transmission Services Corporation ("LCRA") and AEP Texas to amend their CCNs for the proposed Bakersfield to Solstice 345-kV transmission line in Pecos County.

The following portion of the staff recommendation applies only to the filings of Oncor and AEP Texas for the Sand Lake to Solstice part of the newly-consolidated docket. Staff engineer Blake Ianni will address the sufficiency of the LCRA and AEP Texas Bakersfield to Solstice portion of the project.

I. Application Sufficiency

- A. I have reviewed the Application including all attachments filed by Oncor and AEP Texas on November 7, 2018 in this docket for deficiencies. After reviewing the Application and additional filed information, no material deficiencies were found. Therefore, I recommend that the Application should be deemed sufficient.

Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

TO: Kennedy Meier, Legal Division
Eleanor D'Ambrosio, Legal Division

FROM: Blake Ianni, Infrastructure and Reliability Division

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LCRA Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC) and AEP Texas Inc. (AEP) filed a joint CCN application on November 7, 2018, for a double-circuit 345-kV transmission line in Pecos County, under Docket No. 48787. I reviewed the Joint Application for deficiencies.

On November 15, 2018, the State Office of Administrative Hearings granted a motion to consolidate this docket with Docket No. 48785, which is a joint application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC and AEP to amend their CCNs for the proposed Sand Lake to Solstice 345-kV transmission line in Pecos, Reeves, and Ward Counties.

The following portion of the staff recommendation applies only to the filings of LCRA and AEP for the Bakersfield to Solstice part of the newly consolidated docket (Docket No. 48785). Staff engineer David Bautista will address the sufficiency of the Oncor and AEP Sand Lake to Solstice portion of the consolidated project.

I. Application Sufficiency

- A. I have reviewed the Application, including all attachments, filed by LCRA TSC and AEP on November 7, 2018 in this docket for deficiencies. After reviewing the Application and additional filed information, no material deficiencies were found. Therefore, I recommend that the Application should be deemed sufficient.